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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fee and examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 to read as follows:

A) 3. (Amended) A battery as defined in claim 1, wherein a V-shaped receiving groove provided on the other side opposite to one side of the battery to be mounted in the video camera etc. is